

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, and 12-15 are currently pending in the present application, with Claims 1, 2, 4-10, and 12-15 being amended, and Claims 3 and 11 being canceled. Reconsideration and reexamination of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Examiner objected to Claims 1-15 for reasons of various informalities. Applicant has amended the claims and respectfully submit that the amended claims comply with formal requirements.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended the claims and respectfully submit that they comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 11, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Tager et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,983,236). This rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to the amended claims.

The present invention is directed to a multimedia execution system and a multimedia file structure for used in such a system. Specifically, the present invention is directed to a multimedia system having a file storage, such as a machine-readable memory, that stores multimedia file constituting a selection of sequence tracks, including a performance sequence track containing performance information, a drawing sequence track containing drawing information, and a master sequence track that includes synchronization information for synchronizing all of the sequence tracks (including the master sequence track itself) so as to integrate all of the sequence tracks into one multimedia file. Significantly, all of the sequence track share the same data structure constituted by a sequence of events and corresponding durations that indicate time intervals between

each successive event (see Fig. 3 of the present application, see also pages 10-13 of the present application).

Yager does not contain any disclosure or suggestion of a multimedia file comprising a plurality of sequence tracks, all of which use the same data structure constituting successive sequence events and durations indicating the time intervals between the events. Rather, Yager discloses downloading a multimedia file from a server to a client computer in the form of a video clip data file (see Figs. 1 and 2), wherein the file contains synchronization information in addition to the multimedia data. The synchronization information is provided in the form of a data table (see Col. 2, lines 42-65). Yager simply does not teach or suggest a multimedia file having sequence tracks wherein each of the tracks share the same data structure constituting successive events and the duration time for each successive event. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submit that Claims 1, 4, 8, 9, and 12 are not anticipated by, nor obvious in view of, Yager.

The Examiner rejected Claims 2 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yager and Cherock et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,314,569). This rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to the amended claims.

As discussed above, Yager does not teach or suggest a multimedia file having sequence tracks wherein each of the tracks share the same data structure constituting successive events and the duration time for each successive event. Cherock fails to make up for the deficiencies of Yager. Instead, Cherock is directed to displaying enhanced multimedia presentation by adding to a multimedia file supplemental audio, video, and graphic content that is selectable by a user. Cherock does not contain any disclosure or suggestion of a multimedia file having multiple sequence tracks, including a master sequence track, wherein the sequence tracks have a data structure constituting

sequence events and duration timing information. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submit that claims 2 and 10 are not obvious in view of Yager and Cherock.

The Examiner rejected Claims 5-7 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yager and Coelho et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,748,196). This rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to the amended claims.

Again, Yager does not teach or suggest a multimedia file having sequence tracks wherein each of the tracks share the same data structure constituting successive events and the duration time for each successive event. Coelho also fails to make up for the deficiencies of Yager. Cherock is directed to preprocessing audio/video sequencing in response to possible user selection of different processing paths of the sequences. Coelho does not contain any suggestion or teachings of sequence tracks having data structure constituting successive events and corresponding duration time indicating time intervals between the events. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submit that Claims 5-7 and 13-15 are not obvious in view of Yager and Coelho.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 393032025600. However, the Assistant

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